(b) if so, what are the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Estimates for strengthening of the two byepasses amounting to Rs. 3.71 crores as received have been returned to the State Government in absence of provision for the same in the Seventh Five Year Plan. The byepasses are, however, maintained in traffic-worthy condition.

Development of Warangal

2680. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to develop historical places and temples of Warangal like Humphi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have recently proposed (November 1987) a Special Project for Conservation and upkeep of monuments at Warangal. The proposal *inter-alia* includes documentation of remains, illumination, setting up of a site-museum and also a High Power Committee to monitor the progress of the project. The matter is under examination.

Request for Postponement of World Book Fair

2681. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether various associations of publishers and book-sellers have requested for the postponement of the World Book Fair from February, 1988 to November, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the reasons given by them for such postponement; and and

(c) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The decision that the 8th New Delhi World Book Fair would be held from February 5—15, 1988 was announced during the 7th Fair in February, 1986. Communications confirming this were sent to many Indian and foreign agencies in May and June, 1987. Some associations of publishers and booksellers have suggested that the World Book Fair may be postponed on account of the current drought situation and the prolonged teachers' strike.

(c) The National Book Trust has decided not to postpone the Book Fair as the New Delhi World Book Fair, since 1976, has become a biennial feature and, because of its regularity and its standing in the Book Industry, has attained a prominent position among the International Book Fairs Its postponement at this stage would have caused permanent damage of the reputation and credibility of the Book Fair.